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Subject: RE: VB/I-70 Deletion Press Release

Agreed

I also think Doug will be out the week of Christmas so figure mid January publication is likely.

Sandy

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All – I've arranged to be available for the CAG meeting tomorrow evening (18th), so Jennifer and I can cover that meeting. At this point, we don't have anyone readily available to respond to comments during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, so delaying the publication to after January 1st is preferred from that perspective. In addition, CDPHE (Doug) has weighed in, and they prefer a post-January 1 publication date as well.

Linda's message below is important regarding timing, even if Doug signs the notice prior to December 31st, so we will need direction from him with regard to when we send the deletion package to the *Federal Register*.

Thanks,
Steve

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Logistically, if you want the NOIPD to publish in the Federal Register on, say, January 7, the signed NOIPD would have to be overnighted to DC around December 26. It takes a week and day after receipt to process the packet and publish in the Federal Register, if there are no problems with the Deletion packet.

I am out of the office the week of Christmas so I would prefer to get the signed RA signed copy on Thursday December 20th so I can prepare the packet. (it takes me about three hours to prepare the packet.) I can FedEx it from my home on the 26th or whatever date you choose.

In the event the RA doesn't sign NOIPD prior to Christmas, and if the packet is sent to the Federal Register on January 2, the NOIPD would most likely publish on Friday January 11. However, we could request that it publish on January 14 a Monday.

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Steve and I talked this afternoon - we agree with publishing the NOID after the holidays and given the attention on this, also doing some type of press to be totally transparent when the NOID is published and available for comment.

From: Mylott, Richard

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 2:41 PM

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If feasible, my suggestion is we do PR when proposed NOID and we time it so the FR publishes around Jan 5-6-7 timeframe.

From: Chergo, Jennifer

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Betsy, I spoke with Rich. Sounds like there is no precedent on when we do press releases for deletion actions.

In any case, with everyone typically being out of the office a lot over the holidays, we probably all agree that releasing the NOID during Christmas week would not be ideal.

-jc

From: Chergo, Jennifer

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Hi. I just spoke with Betsy S. and she suggested that we maybe hold off on the NOID press release until we have a final NOD. I said that I would ask you, Rich and Linda, if you know what we typically do for NOIDs? Do we typically do a press release for both the NOID and the NOD, or just the NOD? (These acronyms are cracking me up). We do want to be consistent.

Thought I'd send everyone an email so we're all on the same page,

-jc

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